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THE BOSS CASE.

The Senate Committee on Elections consisting of Messrs. S. M. Knox, Robert McFarlane, S. S. Pennewill, George M. D. Hart and Stephen Slaughter heard testimony in Wilmington on Thursday and Friday nights of this week. The Democrats tried to have the case thrown out on technicalities, but the committee decided to hear the witnesses. Evidence was introduced to show that the Democratic election officers had deliberately refused to hold the election, going so far as to hide the ballots and then saying they could not be found. Affidavits to the number of 163 were submitted to the effect that each one of the persons making the affidavit was a legally registered voter in the precinct, and was refused the right of franchise by reason of being shut out. The committee will probably submit its report next week.

CIGARETTES

The Senate by passed a vote of 14 to 3 a bill to prohibit the sale of cigarettes and paper from which they are made in this State. The large vote in favor of this measure may be regarded as an evidence that it will pass the House. If so, it will settle a question that has vexed every one who has come in contact with it. Several years ago the Legislature enacted a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to children under 17 years old, but it has been a dead letter. For there will always be found persons over 17 who will for a consideration procure them for the children. Evidence of this fact can be seen any day on the streets of Middletown and all other towns in the person of boys under 12 years of age smoking the vile combinations. If this Legislature passes the law in the form it now bears, it will deserve and receive the thanks of every one who has had the offensive smoke puffed into their nostrils.

SENATORIAL COURTESY

On Monday last in the Senate of the United States was the scene of such courtesy as could not be exhibited in any other place or country. When Cushman K. Davis the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations died, the Governor of Minnesota appointed as his successor, Charles E. Towne who had been nominated for Vice-President by the Populists, although the Legislature filled the vacancy by the election of Moses E. Clapp, a Republican, within a few days. In fact Mr. Towne was only Senator for six days, and would not have served so long but for the courtesy spoken of. Mr. Towne desired to make, for political effect and campaign literature, a speech upon the Philippine question, and Mr. Clapp waited two or three days before presenting himself to be sworn in. Consequently, on Monday Mr. Towne delivered himself of his first and only speech, and before he had time to seat himself, and while he was receiving the congratulations of the Senators, Mr. Clapp was sworn in and Mr. Towne became an ex. This is one of the peculiar conditions arising from the American system of government and the manner of electing senators.

RAILROAD WAR IN LEGISLATURE

The railroad war was inaugurated in the House Monday morning when Representative Holcomb gave notice of acts readjusting the amounts to be paid by the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad Co., and Wilmington & Northern Railroad Co., in commutation of their State taxes. At present the railroads are taxed annually as follows: Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore, \$27,000; Delaware, \$3,000; Delaware, Maryland & Virginia, \$450; Wilmington & Northern, \$250. Under the proposed readjustment the taxes would be as follows: Delaware railroad \$80,000 per annum; Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore \$80,000; Delaware, Maryland & Virginia, \$3,200 Wilmington & Northern, \$250.

WICKERSHAM MADE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Governor Hunn has announced the appointment of I. Pusey Wickersham, formerly Colonel of the First Regiment to be adjutant. The new General is well-known in military and business circles in Wilmington connected with the American Leather Company. He is 40 years old and joined the National Guard in 1877, serving as a private, corporal, sergeant, and all the intermediate grades to colonel. He was the colonel of the regiment during the war with Spain, and was discharged at his own request, on September, 1898.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Review of Interesting Happenings During the Past Week.

MONDAY

Senator Slaughter introduced a bill entitled "an act to incorporate the Diamond State Trust Company." This company is composed of Daniel M. Wilson, James Lord, Henry E. Cain, William L. Gooding and James L. Wolcott, all of Dover. The company is practically a Dover affair, that is, its officers, etc. will be located here, but intends to do a banking business all over the country with a capitalization of \$25,000.

Mr. Abbott introduced an act to provide for a State Board of Agriculture. This bill provides that a commission of three be appointed by the Governor, two of one political party and one of another, one to serve one year, another two years and another three years. This does away with all partisan pettiness that may arise.

HIGHER TAXES FOR RAILROADS

The plan to equally tax the railroad companies doing business in Delaware came up in General Assembly. It is intended to have the Delaware Railroad Company pay a tax equivalent to that of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad Company—\$40,000 annually—an increase of about \$37,000. Mr. Holcomb (Dem., New Castle) gave notice of four bills to readjust the amounts to be paid by the Delaware Railroad Company, the Wilmington & Northern, \$3000; Delaware, Maryland & Virginia, \$32,000; Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore, \$60,000; Delaware Railroad, \$80,000.

In the measure to readjust the taxation on the Delaware Railroad Company will be a provision that if certain concessions in freight charges are made to patrons of the road the taxes will be fixed at \$40,000 annually.

Liquor Dealers Scared

Some surprise was created in the House of Representatives when Representative Scotten presented a matter which may bring the Liquor Dealers' League in mass to Dover. Two bills were given notice of by Mr. Scotten. They recite that as the liquor dealers in the rural districts pay \$200 State license and the Wilmington city dealers, whose business aggregate ten times as much, only pay \$300, to make it equitable the Wilmington city saloon keepers are to pay for a license of \$400 and the license for brewers and distillers is increased 50 per cent.

The bill introduced by Representative Hitchcock to repeal the law that required an unobstructed view into drinking saloons was passed in the House after a spirited debate. If the bill is repealed it will be lawful to place screens on saloon windows.

In the Senate the Committee on Agriculture reported favorably for the appointment of a State veterinarian.

TUESDAY

By a vote of 11 to 6 the State Senate passed a bill for the abolishment of the poll.

The Brasserie bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes also passed the Senate, only three votes being cast against it.

The Senate killed the measure providing what whippings at the post should be administered in private.

Another bill providing for the punishment of wife-beaters with whipping and imprisonment was adopted by the Senate. The infliction of either or both punishments are to be in the discretion of the courts.

House defeated by a vote of 10 to 14 a resolution offered by Mr. Baynard, asking Congress to submit the question of the election of United States Senator to a popular vote.

Senator adopted a joint resolution offered by Mr. Slaughter fixing January 15 as the limit of the time for receiving new business. The plan is to adjourn the Legislature on March 1.

The Senate passed the bill for the appointment of a State veterinary surgeon.

TO KILL TRADING STAMPS

Senator Slaughter gave notice of a bill to raise revenue for the State by requiring persons, firms and corporations issuing, dealing in and selling to or through merchants and others, stamps, tickets or other articles redeemable in goods, wares or money, to have a license from the State and prescribing penalties for failing to do so.

War on Slot Machines

Senator Allee has begun a war against slot machines and kindred gambling devices. He gave notice of his bill yesterday.

WEDNESDAY

The Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Federal Constitution, abolishing slavery, giving citizenship to negroes and prohibiting discrimination against them, were ratified by the Senate of Delaware, which adopted a joint resolution offered by Senator Allee to that effect. The House has yet to act upon the resolution.

TO ADJOURN MARCH 8

In the House Representative Robertson called up the joint resolution passed by the Senate, and offered an amendment delaying the final day for new business from February 15 to February 20. The resolution, as amended, passed the House.

Mr. Robertson then called up the Senate resolution fixing adjournment for Friday, March 1. This was amended by the House to "Friday, March 8, at 3 o'clock p. m." and the amended bills Cecilius county has been invited to join and help make this the big Eastern Shore Fair. Quite an improvement in the race program has been made and two stake races will be added of \$1,000 each for trotters and pacers.

CECILION SIGHTINGS

Revival meetings closed on Monday evening.

Mrs. Nola Peters is very poorly with the La Grippe.

Mr. James Smith is still very ill at his home in town.

Be careful boys who you walk home with or Mama might see you.

Mrs. Mary Robinson is spending a few days with her mother near Elton.

Mrs. J. A. Arters is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Jones, of Lows X Roads, Md.

Mrs. Mamie Tucker has returned to her home after a pleasant visit with relatives.

Mr. Frank Hess of Philadelphia arrived in town on Tuesday evening, having been hastily called to the bedside of his wife who has become critically ill, and whose condition has proven alarming to her many friends here. At this writing her condition is unchanged.

The shirt factory having resumed operations after a shut-down of several months is making very good progress at this time, Miss Ethel Utter is forelady and Harvey Daniels, of Wilmington, is serving as engineer. The factory now has good prospects of steady work for a long time.

Perry, the eleven year old son of James Draper, a highly respected colored resident of this section, died at the home of his parents on Tuesday night, after a lingering illness. He had been bedfast for quite awhile, and was a complication of diseases that caused death relieve him of suffering. He was buried on Friday at Pine Tree cemetery.

William Lynn a popular young man of this place has established a broom making plant in the Wilson store room near the depot. He is considered one of the most skillful broom makers in the State, and only recently wagered that he could make a broom in twelve minutes, a young farmer named Osgood held the other end of the wager which called for a stow of oysters for each of the crowd of onlookers. When the test was made Mr. Lynn succeeded in perfecting a broom in just eleven minutes. Then the crowd repaired to a nearby restaurant amid much merriment.

Many of the leading local Republicans are in favor of the election of Mr. Adicks to the U. S. Senate. This feeling has spread so rapidly during the past four weeks that it is now quite strongly believed that a majority of the voters of Appoquinimink hundred, have reached a point favorable to his election. The election of Senators is a State affair and its political necessity. In no sense is it a personal question, any two men who are thoroughly capable and representative Republicans should be elected. The Democrats are doing all in their power to defeat Mr. Adicks in order to disrupt the party and again have all of the offices delivered over to themselves. As a local man said a day or so ago, "when a Democrat comes from this section, he is a Democrat, and a good one." As far as the voters of Appoquinimink hundred, have reached a point favorable to his election. The election of Senators is a State affair and its political necessity. In no sense is it a personal question, any two men who are thoroughly capable and representative Republicans should be elected. The Democrats are doing all in their power to defeat Mr. Adicks in order to disrupt the party and again have all of the offices delivered over to themselves. As a local man said a day or so ago, "when a Democrat comes from this section, he is a Democrat, and a good one."

The Bachelors' Band of Smyrna, which was recently organized, will present a drama in the Smyrna Opera House on Tuesday evening, February 12.

The new Secretary of State is administering the affairs of his office with a smoothness born of fitness and especial qualifications.—Milford Chronicle.

The Christian Endeavor Society, of Asbury M. E. Church, Smyrna, will give a social in the lecture room of the church on Thursday evening, February 7.

The Legislature has a bill before it which fixes the punishment for kidnapping at death. This is not considered too drastic by the papers of other States.

Joseph L. Carpenter, Jr., a Wilmington real estate agent, is seeking a large piece of land in Wilmington as a site for a concern which will employ about 200 persons.

Prof. E. W. Manning, of Delaware College, is to address the Wilmington City Council in support of the proposition to remove the college from Newark to Wilmington.

The Harlan & Hollingsworth Company, of Wilmington, has decided to make an annual appropriation of \$200 each in the Delaware Hospital and the Homeopathic Hospital, of that city.

Frederick Reeves Pettijohn, of Wilmington, and Miss Minnie Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Steele, of Georgetown, were married at the home of the bride, in Georgetown, Wednesday.

The young people of Brexford M. E. School held a box social in the school house Wednesday night. This Sunday school has only been organized a short time and is making rapid progress.

A model submitted by H. C. Elliott, of Washington, in the competition for the Bayard statue, is still at the freight station of the P. W. & B. Railroad, in Wilmington. He will probably arrange for its return.

The lawyers of Alex. Pullen will make the plea that he is a "tiller of the soil," and therefore exempt from bankruptcy proceedings. The creditors deny this averment, and set forth that his business of nurseryman is that of commerce.

Mrs. Hannah Ann Leach, who died in Wilmington last week, in her 85 year came of a long-lived family. Her brother, John Fraim, died in his 90th year, and a sister, Mrs. Sallie Daring, lived to be 92. The Fraim ancestors came from England with William Penn.

Colonel William A. LaMotte, J. W. Cooch, Chief Justice B. L. and Howard D. Ross have been appointed a committee to secure a suitable design for a monument to mark the site of the battle of Cooch's Bridge, of September 3, 1777.

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Miss Lily Clark, of Westminister, Md., who was quite sick with the Grippe for a few days, are glad to state is very much improved at this writing.

"A Lunch Box Social" was held at the residence of Mr. W. A. Allen near Hall at this place some time on Friday evening.

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Train Leaves Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3:30, 7:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a. m.; 4:45 and 6:05 p. m.; 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a. m.; 2:30, 5:15 and 7:30 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Goes North—7:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 3:30 and 5:45 p. m.
Goes South—8:30 a. m., 5:45 a. m., 5:30 p. m.
For Odessa—10 a. m., 11:45 a. m., 5:30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Bassett—8:15 a. m.

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Local News.

Do not forget to blanket your horse while hitches this cold weather.

300,000 Early Cabbage Plants for sale. E. J. STEEL, Florist, Middletown, Del.

A man doesn't have to belong to a secret society these days to get the "grip."

To FARMERS—Cash paid for eggs at Armstrong's. We want all the eggs we can get.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling now occupied by Mrs. M. J. Whittleton, on East Main street. Apply to Mrs. H. V. PARVIS.

To-morrow evening at Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Caswell will preach on the subject "Excuses," a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Walter, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Monroe, of East Main street, died suddenly Monday afternoon. Interment was made Wednesday afternoon in the M. E. Cemetery.

More than half the unhappiness in this world has been computed by one ingenious mathematician, comes from a perverse unwillingness to look on the bright side so long as a dark side can be discovered.

The regular bi-monthly communion will be administered in Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church to-morrow morning. The ordinance of baptism will be administered and members received into the Church at this service.

FOR RENT.—Good Store Room 60 feet deep on Main street, central location. Possession at once. For further particulars apply at this office.

Mr. John Buehm, has accepted a position with G. W. Peterson as blacksmith. Mr. Buehm is a first-class horse shoeer, a good mechanic and reliable in every way.

At the sheriff's sale of real estate belonging to Edward Graves, of Townsend, Monday, Magistrate William R. Reynolds bought both properties for \$900. They are located at Townsend.

Robert Wright, son of Representative John A. Wright, of Blackbird hundred, who was so badly injured in a runaway several weeks ago, was able to be out Monday for the first time.

The doctors and druggists have had their hands full the past week in attending to grip patients. The "harvest time" comes to most people in the summer, but others have theirs in the winter time.

The "Sixth Biennial Report of the Board of Trustees of Delaware State Hospital," at Farmhurst, for 1900, has been received. It is pamphlet of 110 pages and filled with information in regard to the institution.

FOR RENT.—THE DWELLING on East Main street, now occupied by George S. Richards. Also the large stable near the National Hotel, now in the tenure of Middletown Creamery. Possessions given to each on 25th March 1901. G. E. TUCKELL.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. Church at Sassafras, Md., will hold a poultry and oyster supper in the town hall, on the evenings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 7th, 8th and 9th.

A number of persons of this town and vicinity who have wrestled with the grippe are improving slowly, and it is very slowly because the grip holds fast as a mortgage. There has been much suffering from the disease, and it is impossible to name the sick because we would have to mention half of our population.

Magistrate Reynolds was Wednesday presented with all of the justice of the peace dockets dating back as far as 1822, by Miss Mary Price of this town. They are in a fair state of preservation, the donee having taken extra care of them since the death of her grandfather, Richard Lockwood, who formerly owned them.

It will pay you if you are going to erect a fence to call on J. F. McWhorter & Son before you buy, they are handling the well known Page and American fences and are making an extra push on fence this year. They have contracted for several car load lots and are selling it very close to catch the trade. They have a car load of the different styles on hand now. They would be pleased to have you examine this fence and get the prices.

Hester Chambers, an aged colored woman, was arrested in Dover Wednesday afternoon by Detective Hutchins, on complaint of William Ahern, night telegraph operator at the depot, of this town. The Chambers woman had been employed by Mr. Ahern as a domestic, and during the first of the week Mrs. Ahern mislaid a valuable gold watch, and later in the week a small sum of money disappeared. Hester was dismissed, and immediately left for Dover, where she was arrested in a few hours after her arrival. She was brought to Middletown Thursday afternoon and given a hearing before Magistrate Reynolds, and in default of bail was sent to New Castle. The accused woman has only been a resident of our town for a few weeks, coming here from Philadelphia.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P., will entertain this evening in the lodge room about 50 visitors of the Pythian Wheel from different lodges throughout the State, including the Grand Officers, who will install the newly elected officers of the local lodges for the ensuing term as follows: Chancellor Commander, Frank L. Cates; V. C. H. S. Beasler; K. R. and S. Jos. C. Jols; M. of F., G. Ellis; M. of E., L. B. Lee; Master at Arms, G. N. Dickinson; Master of Work, Jos. A. Suydam; Prelate, W. B. Kates; Inside Guard, W. A. Hukill; Outside Guard, George W. Price. After the installation of officers the members of Damon Lodge will entertain their fellow brethren with vocal and instrumental music. At the conclusion of the social entertainment a luncheon will be served, consisting of omelet, potato salad, Maryland biscuits, ham, pickles, etc.

Valentines will soon be displayed. WANTED—Correspondent in all of our towns for THE TRANSCRIPT.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon, Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

An Ohio man has served a term in jail for kissing a girl, but he is game and says it was worth it.

FOR SALE—One building lot on Cochran street. For further particulars apply to W. R. REYNOLDS.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling on Lake street, now occupied by William Dixon. Apply to E. S. JONES.

We want another Tin and Sheet Iron Worker—Steady work and good wages to a competent workman. Apply to

MIDDLETON HARDWARE HOUSE.

Advance Steam Laundry, office opposite W. S. Letherbury's. Work guaranteed. Goods delivered.

C. R. CLAYTON.

To whom it may concern, I hereby give notice to the public at large, that I, S. H. Riggs will be at J. C. Green's blacksmith shop on and after January 26th, 1901.

If you are looking for good cheap groceries go to the cut grocery store. The best of everything in my line at very low prices. Also a full line of Millinery.

Miss E. F. INGRAM.

The New Century Club's program for next Tuesday afternoon is: "The Foreigner from a Chinese Point of View," Miss Ada Cochran; "Conditions in Egypt," Mrs. George Chamberlain; "Agricultural Life in Palestine," Mrs. T. H. Gilpin.

The Young People Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock.

A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for next Sunday evening is "Marching Orders." Joshua 1:11. Leader, Dr. Charles A. Ritchie.

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